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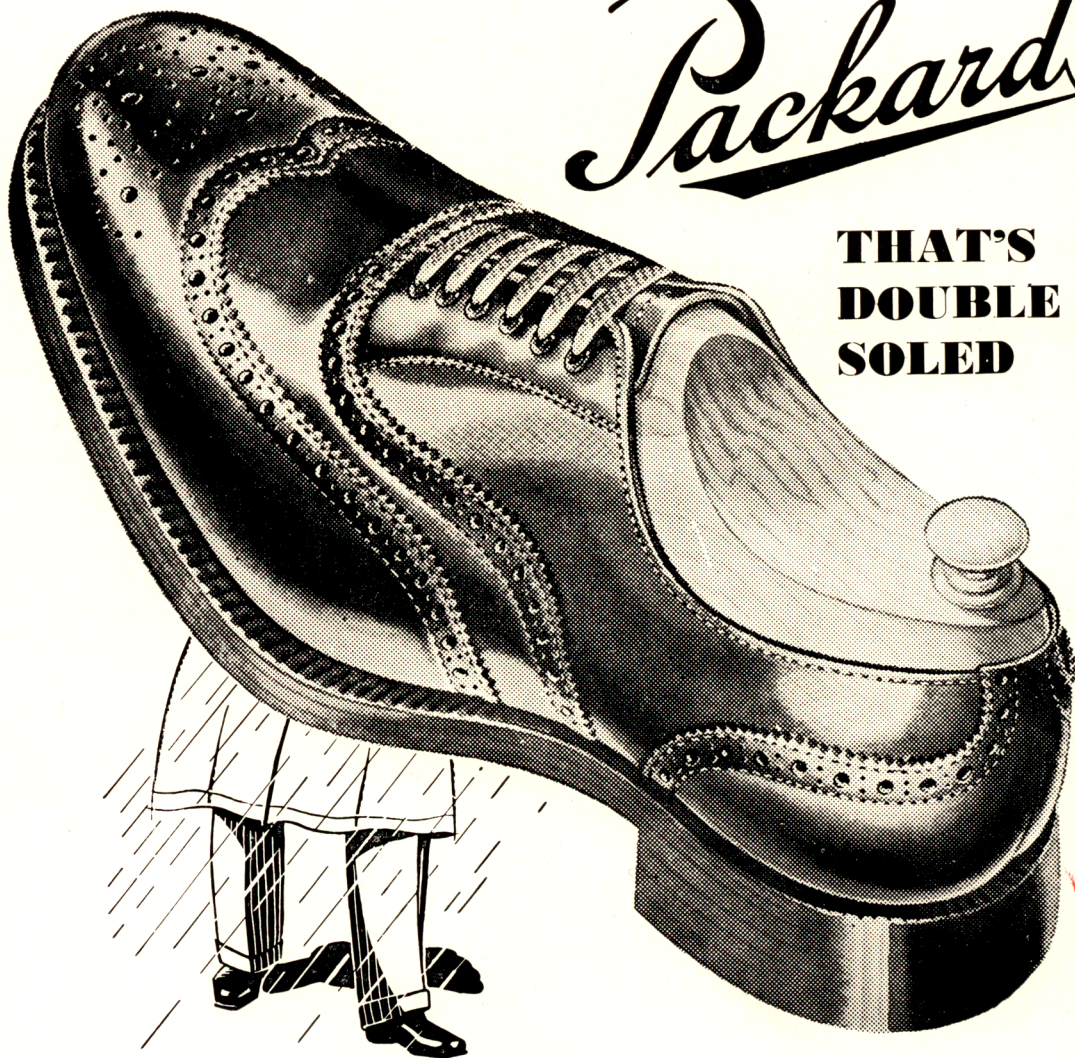


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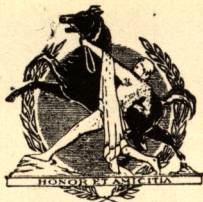
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KEEPING POSTED

Club member Ron Brook, at present in America, writes of his travels and is particularly pleased with the warm welcome extended to him by affiliated Clubs.

The "Thoroughbred Record of America" gives a full page to an interview with him covering his travels and his assignment for the Queensland Government concerning horse and cattle breeding and the results obtained in various countries he has visited.

SINCE the news has got around of the warmth and friendliness of the welcome that Brisbane (and particularly our confreres of Brisbane Tattersall's) keep for visitors, there has been a steady series of members making the trip North for one reason or another. Albert Ritchie and Arthur McDowell, returned a week or two ago, speak in the highest terms of the hospitality they experienced in Queensland's capital city.

NEWS of World Travellers:

Arthur Costin is back home after a six-months' trip abroad of business-with-pleasure — glad to be back, glad to see all his old friends again. Rex Sanderson, now in U.S.A., was particularly impressed with the hospitality of the Outrigger Canoe Club at Honolulu. Globe-trotter Walter Cavill arrived back in time to pick the Spring double, he hopes. Joe Harris has also hurried back to be with us for the Spring racing. Charles Rich and Fred Vockler, Jr., have also returned to the fold, and very welcome, too.



Mr. Adolph Basser, owner of Delta.
(Photo, courtesy "S.M.H.")

ONCE again, we are happy to report that the main event of the Club's September meeting was won by a member's horse. Delta, winner of the Chelmsford Stakes last year, repeated the performance for owner, Adolph Basser, again this year; coming home by three lengths from Mr E. R. Williams' Hydrogen, with Trizami third. Pictured above is Mr. Basser's winning smile after last year's event — impossible to show you the winning smile of this year as he is en route from England, travelling by the Oronsay.

CONGRATULATIONS to a double on a double. To Harry Hayes and Harry Moon, joint lessees of aptly-named Friendly Feeling, which won at consecutive meetings at Rosehill and Randwick on Aug. 4 and 6.

Happy Birthday to You!

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Percy Smith | 18 W. J. P. Dowsett |
| 2 P. M. King | 20 Dr. K. J. Byers |
| W. H. Bentley | C. H. Dodds |
| R. Westfield | M. Shaw |
| 3 G. T. Rowe | 21 Mark Barnett |
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| N. V. Browne | |
| 5 S. M. Norton | 23 Rex Cullen-Ward |
| L. A. Silk | C. Y. Varley |
| 6 W. C. Adams | 24 Sir Samuel Hordern |
| 7 R. A. Dunstan | N. H. H. Ellison |
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| 8 J. J. Crennan | 25 R. L. Montgomery, |
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| R. R. Paxton | 27 J. S. Irwin |
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| 4 L. C. Wicks | 17 S. Norman |
| M. G. Lawton | 19 J. W. Drewette |
| 5 J. Holman | 20 A. Colquhoun |
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| J. E. Wilson | 21 E. R. Deveridge |
| W. A. Rodger | 22 H. J. Hendy |
| 6 E. W. Bell | 23 F. W. Huntington |
| Mr. Justice Toose | |
| W. G. Harris | 24 L. O. H. Williams |
| 9 S. S. Crick | D. S. Orton |
| 10 Stan. Lamond | 27 A. J. Moverley |
| 14 H. Townsend | 31 C. C. Bartlett |
| A. Leslie Cooper | D. J. Robertson |
| E. S. Paul | |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

NOTICE

The Chairman and Committee extend a cordial invitation to Members to a Cocktail Party on Thursday, 27th September, 1951, when the Honorary Life Membership Badge will be presented to Mr. J. A. Roles, also the trophies presented to the winners of the Jubilee Billiards and Snooker Tournaments.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

RECENTLY returned from England is Morton Brewster, looking particularly fit. Just away to U.S.A. are N. C. Malley and Harry Smith. Another traveller we have heard from — A. E. Houston, visiting England and America — who says he is well and thoroughly enjoying himself.

THE particular good wishes of members will go to the Rev. George Cowie, who has been having a patch of indifferent health. By the time he reads this, it's to be hoped he will be well on the way to recovering his usual good health and boundless energy.

COMMITTEEMAN Arthur Miller has been among the many who have suffered the season's ills. At home for a few days, he is now up and about again. A. J. Chown also is with us again, after a spell in hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to Claude Parker; the baby — a boy. Double congratulations to John Dexter (single congratulations to John, junior) — the grandchild — a girl.

WE have two very good neighbours in Elizabeth and Castlereagh Streets — Legacy War Orphans' Fund Appeal Office and Legacy Club of Sydney, both one and the same people.

Some years ago the far-sighted members of Sydney Legacy bought this whole block and last year saw them move in to a remodelled portion on the Castlereagh Street side. The other frontage is now being renovated and redecorated in a similar modest manner, thereby giving Legacy a grand set of premises to carry on its wonderful work for the widows and children of deceased ex-servicemen.

They are a fine lot of fellows these members of Legacy known as "Legatees" as is evidenced by so many of them being fellow members of this club. It was a lucky break for these chaps when Legacy moved next door, as it enabled them to put in their many hours of voluntary labour and then "hey presto" into Tatts. for a pick-me-up, or some relaxation on the third floor.

The president of the year — W. G. Bown and his man Friday, vice-president Israel Green, are well-known Tattersall's members; and we also have two past presidents of Legacy in Edwin Penfold and Zade Lazarus. Have a peep into Castlereagh Street door any night and see the hundreds of girls and boys who regularly attend Gymnasium there. They are but a handful of the 10,000 war orphans whom Sydney Legacy cares for in the Metropolitan area alone.

WELCOME visitors to the Club's September meeting were Newcastle Tattersall's Chairman Dave Mackie and Secretary Brian O'Donnell. They saw a fine day's racing — perfect weather, Randwick looking its best, and allegedly a winning bet or two. *Continued on Page 5*

EDITORIAL:

The Meaning of Tradition

Customs and ceremonies surviving in Britain serve no apparent purpose, but nobody wants to write them off on that score. With the passing of time they have become part of the British character and the British way of life — a tradition.

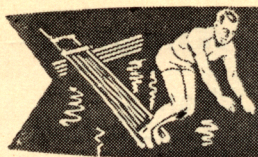
Quaintly related to the past, as many of these observances are, they carry on into the present—as undoubtedly they will carry on into the future—that sense of history and pride in past glories which have caused Britons to rally in national crises.

So tradition is not to be scoffed at as an anachronism, something that may be spared and should be scrapped; for tradition is the tie-up of what has been with what is and, progressively, what shall be.

This club, founded in 1858, has acquired a tradition over the long span of the years, not only in service to its members, but in public service, as exemplified by its record in war-time.

Always has the club supported by generous, spontaneous giving — even in the contribution of the proceeds of its race meetings — worthy causes and needy institutions.

We must guard zealously our club tradition as a possession without which the past would be forgotten and the future forfeited.



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

The Club—and the Swimming Club

As the years roll by Tattersall's Club Amateur Swimming Club becomes more and more popular as a means of relaxation for our young and not-so-young members.

FORMED in 1928 it has been an exceptionally active part of the club ever since, though it abandoned operations during the war when most of its members were in the Forces or were engaged in war work.

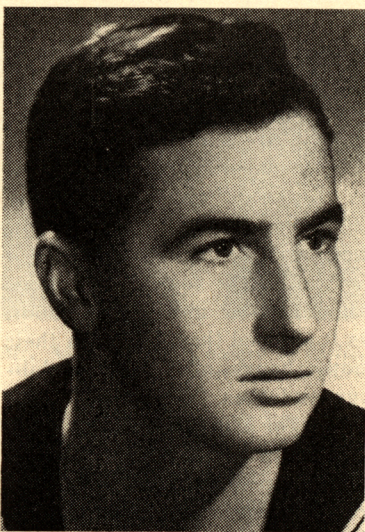
At the conclusion of hostilities the Club immediately resumed its activities and, aided by the admission to Tattersall's Club of many returned soldier sons of members, it was soon on the path to greater strength.

Later, when new members were enrolled in the Club, the Swimming Club gained a lot of them as regular swimmers who delight in the lunch-time races.

On the long list of nominees still eagerly looking forward to membership there are many good swimmers who will be acquisitions to the Swimming Club so it looks certain that the Athletic Department activities are sure of a most successful future for many years to come.

Our Swimming Club is unique in that it never has an Annual Meeting and if anybody wanted to look at its rules he would have to dig deep into the archives of the Club.

In the first year of its existence Hon. Secretary Dexter (still on the job) called an Annual Meeting but as only a few rolled up he took that as a ruling that the boys weren't interested in meetings and only wanted their



John Dexter, Jr., winner of "Native Son" trophy for 1950-51.

weekly races and functions run on proper lines and were very happy to dispense with formalities as long as that state of affairs continued.

Dexter forthwith appointed himself permanent Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, and beyond a few informal lunch-hour chats there have been no meetings since.

To-day the work of the Club "Gestapo," Messrs. Block, Guntton and Dexter appears to make everybody happy and it looks like continuing to do so.

During last season sixty-five members participated in the handicap races, of which there were

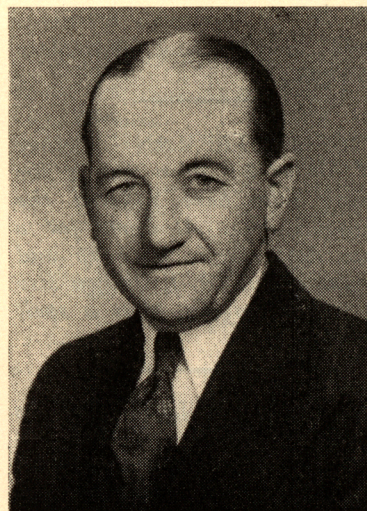
thirty-six from October, 1950, to July, 1951.

To decide these events it required 227 separate heats and finals, which tallies up to a lot of racing, and the average number of starters in a race was twenty-four.

That the handicapper did a good job of work is shown from the fact that forty-six members won heats and thirty-seven won finals.

Ken Francis won most finals, 5; Geoff Eastment, Jack Shaffran, Clive Hoole and Jerry Creer won four each; John Dexter 3½; Bill Kendall, Max Wayland and Bob Withycombe, three each; and Harry Davis one and two dead heats. Twelve members won two finals each.

Francis also figured as first to finish in most heats and finals, 18; followed by John Dexter and Jack Shaffran, 17; Harry Davis, 16; Stuart Murray, 15; Cedric Emanuel, Neil Barrell and Jerry Creer, 14; Clive Hoole, 13; Peter



Stuart Murray, runner-up to Dexter.



Clive Hoole, third in "Native Son" competition, 1950-51.

Lindsay, 12; Geoff Eastment and Vic Bulgin, 11; Bill Kendall and Bill Williams, 10.

Rather a strange occurrence was that Stuart Murray, who chased John Dexter home for the "Native Son" Trophy, presented by Bill Kirwan to the swimmer who gained most points during the season, won only one final.

The Club Championship was won by ex Olympic representative, Bill Kendall, from Bill Dovey, Junior, and Allan Stewart, these swimmers receiving the trophies presented by Mr. A. G. Collins, a keen supporter of the Swimming Club.

During the season we had the pleasure of a visit from the distinguished French swimmer, Alex Jany, who contested a 40 yards handicap in the Pool, winning narrowly from Bill Kendall, to whom he conceded a second.

At present the Club is in recess, but not for long, as it will go into action again with its regular weekly races about the middle of October.

New members will be very welcome, the more the merrier!

Keeping Posted—Continued

MEMBERS will be pleased to hear that committeeman Joe Matthews is progressing well after an operation.

SEeking to regain his usual good health, Stan Crick is on his way to chase the sun up North. He expects to spend a week or two at luxurious Royal Hayman Hotel on Hayman Island, a great spot for a bit of recouping. The good wishes of many friends will go with him.

ARTHUR BULL is around again after an illness that kept him home for some weeks—and incidentally, caused him to forfeit in the early stages of the Club's Billiards Tournament. However, reports say his hand with the cue has lost none of its cunning and skill.

TALKING of the Billiards and Snooker Tournaments, in which games have now reached a very interesting stage, with competition at its keenest. Early morning training gallops (on the second floor) are the order of the day for quite a few competitors—the steady click of cue against ball tells of diligent practice. The winners are still hard to pick, but new member George Mousally is proving a worthy opponent of all comers and he will go a long way towards the finals.

THE long-awaited snooker match between E. Westhoff and Ken Ranger was played recently, and spectators were treated to the sight of many spectacular and masterly strokes. The result was in doubt until Eric Westhoff finally sank the black for a win. Supporters were divided between congratulations to Eric—who worked so hard—and commiserations to Ken—who came so close.

AVERY exciting game was played in the billiards between Dr. A. S. Reading and P. N. Roach—the game was won by Dr. Reading by the close margin of 3 points. *Wielding the cue with the delicacy of a scalpel, the doctor's steady hand and straight eye just gained the day.*

STOP PRESS

Late News on Billiards and Snooker

THE last two rounds of the Tournaments have provided many upsets. Mousally, Westhoff and Hill, amongst those thought to have great chances, were defeated. Dr. Reading, off the limit, played very well to reach the semi-final. Hans Robinson, playing a brilliant game against Harold Hill, displayed some of his old-time form. He will certainly make it tough for his opponent.

LARRY HOWARTH, who is playing a more solid game than in previous years, defeated the hot favourite, George Mousally. His game has improved in finesse and some of his snooker shots were executed in a way worthy of a player on a much lower handicap.

MANY Snooker players fail to recognise that a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of billiards is essential to play well. It was proved in many of the heats that players who potted well, were all at sea when it came to playing for safety or snookering their opponent.

Advice for the future: practise Billiards as well as Snooker.

Sammy Block—

Good Friend, Good Sportsman

A stranger enquiring in the Club for Mr. Samuel Block might well meet with blank looks but if he asked for "Sammy" Block or even "Sammy" he would certainly be greeted with understanding smiles.

IT is the supreme tribute to a man that the world knows him by his first name and so it goes with this popular Club identity, Sammy Block, a man who is everybody's friend, a man who refuses to say a hard word about any of his fellows and finds excuses for the errors that, at times, beset the paths of the best of us.

In his Gandhi-like make-up Sammy has a mass of energy and his mind is an Aladdin's Cave of sparkling sporting knowledge and anecdote ready to open at the apt moment.

Since our friend joined Tattersall's Club in 1931 he has been an ardent worker in the Club's interests, without any blare of trumpets, and the fact that he is behind some phase of activities is to say that it is a sure-fire success.

The Athletic Department has been the scene of most of his output of energy.

First Secretary of the Handball Club in 1932, he continued in that office with that of Handicapper thrown in until he made way for Peter Lindsay two years ago.

Officialdom did not cramp his playing style and from 1933 to 1939 he was Club Champion on four occasions, and won numerous other contests and passed his knowledge on to many others

by expert coaching and to-day he is as keen as ever to bring on the youngsters as he ever was to win a title.

Though not in Bill Kendall's and Hans Robertson's class as a swimmer Sam's enthusiasm and consistency carried him far in Club contests and he took the "Dewar" Cup, forerunner of the "Native Son" trophy, outright by winning it in 1934/5 and 1935/6 after being runner-up in 1933/4.

Since the war his interests have been in the official side of the Swimming Club and as Starter, Timekeeper and Judge he is one of the official triumvirate affectionately known in the Pool as "The Gestapo."

Here a story about how Sam became an official is not out of place, he, we know, will excuse its telling.

In 1941 Sammy joined the A.I.F. and as a member of the Water Transport unit he saw service in New Guinea and the North. In 1944 he suffered a war illness and for nearly two years he was in hospital prior to discharge in 1946.

Even then he was a very sick man and seemed to Swimming Club officials to have the idea that nobody wanted him. These officials jollied him over this and insisted that he help them out in running the Club.

Sam was persuaded and from that day became his old cheery self, up to his eyes in the Club interests and his summing up of the situation speaks for itself. "Anything I have done for Tattersall's Swimming and Handball Clubs has been repaid a thousand times by the members and officials who will never realise what they have done for me."

Returning to other aspects of our subject's activities it is no news to those who know him well that he was for a number of years a leader in many Sydney charitable organisations.

His partnership with Percy Hunter in Dominoes made a redoubtable combination which won the Club Championship after being runner-up in the previous years and champions of the Civic Club for two years before that.

Horses, however, have always been Sammy's first love and that came from his father who was the first of the "pony" owner-trainers and had many first rate ponies, including such champions as Signet, winner of 39 races carrying up to 12 stone, and Lilyfield.

Sam, too, owned horses, the last three being Persian Fire, Cayenne and Miss Fluency, all good winners.

Nor did he confine himself to

owning horses as he rode many winners as an amateur in the country.

His membership of the A.J.C. carries on his interest in the thoroughbred and racing in general.

From his boyhood days our friend was up to his eyes in sport and at Crown Street School, whence came many of Australia's best sportsmen, he was captain of the school and of football for three years, representing N.S.W. in Schoolboys' Rugby Union.

Athletics claimed a great deal of his interest, and he was a sprinter of real class, once being clocked at a yard under "evens," though he modestly claims that the timekeepers must have given him a bit the best of it.

Just the same he could run generally very close to "evens", and from 1925 to 1930 he was champion of the Corinthian A.A.C. over 100, 220 and 440 yards, and in 1928 won the Club Decathlon title.

The East Sydney Memorial Cup came to him in 1926, but probably his best performance was a dash over 75 yards in 7.4 seconds.

Taught boxing by champion Matt Wells and Harry Stone, and associated with such famous gladiators as Llew Edwards, Jackie Green, Jamito and Theo Burns, Sam engaged in a number of contests, some of which he won and in a number of others he confesses with a twinkle in his eyes, he took some good hidings. Still he got a lot of fun and made a lot of good friends in his association with the manly art.

Hobbies generally come under

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BOWLING NOTES



Close Game against Cinema Industry

During the past month the weather has been kind to us, and some enjoyable games have been played.

A GAME which created great interest and keen rivalry took place on August 8, when Johnny Ruthven and Fred Gawler accepted a challenge by Ken Williams and Jack Monroe to a pairs match. Early favourites Johnny and Fred appeared to dwell at the barrier and the other pair, both smart beginners, shot to the front at barrier rise and were never headed. When the post was reached they were 16 lengths in front, or in bowling language, won by 27 to 11, or 16 shots. Ken and Jack are now challenging all comers, and it seems likely that Sam Peters and Roscoe Ball will accept.

On August 9 we had an exciting game against the Cinema Industry and were victorious by the narrow margin of 2 shots. The result hinged on the last end when Ted Dewdney's (sub. for Edgar Collins) rink scored a 6. The game was played at Double Bay on an exceptionally fast green in a very strong wind. Rex Mitchell, Roscoe Ball and Sam Peters handled the difficult conditions admirably and were mainly responsible for victory.

Details:—Wheeler, Abbott, Williams, Krieger (T.), 16, Williams, Gillespie, Mays, Barmby (C.), 21; Bavinton, Price, Read, McDonald (T.), 13, Hivers, Herbst, Kinlock, Conson (C.), 24; Dwyer, Silk, Monroe, Bloomfield (T.), 19, Graham, McPherson, McPhee, Hinton (C.),

20; Mitchell, Ball, Peters, Dewdney (T.), 31, Higginson, Graninger, Machin, Webster (C.), 12. Totals: Tatts. 79, Cinema 77.

On August 16 we visited Vaucluse, where we were given the usual splendid reception always accorded by that Club. A perfect afternoon, and a beautifully running green made bowling conditions ideal, and our men made the most of it. We won by 31 shots and are proud of this achievement against a strong combination. Alf Bloomfield and his rink, comprising Tom Dwyer, Ken Williams and Ted Emanuel, won by 33 to 8 against the strongest Vaucluse rink. A splendid performance.

Details: Dwyer, Williams, Emanuel, Bloomfield (T.), 33, Lester, Harris, Hitchins, Chalmers (V.), 8; Mitchell, Silk, Dewdney, Hill (T.), 21, Buckley, Williams, Hillier, Edson (V.), 10; Wheeler, Monroe, Collins, Young (T.), 21, Hay, Haddad, Day, Sheedy (V.), 20; Saulwick, Chew, Relton, Peters (T.), 14, Truman, Chapman, Gigg, Bass (V.), 20. Totals: Tatts, 89, Vaucluse 58.

A letter from Gordon Booth conveys greetings to his bowler friends. He is enjoying his trip and does not mention returning yet.

We are glad to see Bill Hole about again and looking so much better.

Club Enjoys Successful

1. The Racing

Two of the main events at the Club's September race meeting at Randwick were won by Club member, Mr. Adolph Basser. French Cavalier was successful in the Tramway Handicap and Delta in the Jubilee Chelmsford Stakes.

CHIEF attraction at the fixture held under blue skies, the Chelmsford, was won for the second time by Delta, trained by Maurice McCarten, and ridden by Neville Sellwood, who had returned to Sydney from a successful trip abroad just two days before the race meeting.

The weight-for-age contest, which in addition to a first prize of £1,156, carried a handsome £150 trophy, was considered a match between the Derby aspirant and popular elect Hydrogen, owned by Club member Mr. E. R. Williams, and Delta, but betting considerations favoured the younger horse. However he was no match for his older rival.

An unfortunate accident fatally involving the three-year-old colt Fengari at the three furlongs may have slightly hampered Hydrogen, who was making a fast run from the rear of the field at the time, but in the straight nothing had a chance of downing Delta, who ran the nine furlongs and 25 yards in 1.52½, which compared favourably with the time recorded in past years.

Australia sadly lacks a champion racehorse at the moment, but Delta is a proved stayer and his Metropolitan admirers expect him to take a prominent part in that long race on the first Monday in October.

Trizami, another three-year-old, filled third place. Snowstream, which ran second to Delta last season, wasn't

equal to gaining a place on latest occasion.

The Chelmsford dates back to 1895 and Limerick was successful three times. Rogilla won the race in 1933 and 1934.

French Cavalier, also trained by Maurice McCarten for Mr. Basser, proved too solid at the weights for Humming Top and Oversight, which finished a dead-heat for second. Humming Top's rider, D. Munro, lodged a protest against French Cavalier for alleged interference about two and a half furlongs from the winning post. After a fairly lengthy hearing the objection was ruled out.

French Cavalier carried his Epsom weight, 8.2, in the Tramway, but the dead-heaters will drop several pounds in the more important mile, particularly

Humming Top, which goes down 10 pounds to 8.2.

Oversight has 9 st. in the Epsom. His performance in the Tramway, though beaten, appeared sound so far as the more important event is concerned, as he was slow to begin and had little luck in running.

However, this page doesn't intend to discuss spring prospects of the fancied or unfancied horses.

An interesting winner at the meeting was Memory Inn in the Three and Four-Year-Old. He was, at time of writing, considered a Derby possibility. The colt is by Roadhouse (imp.) from Curvative, and is a half-brother to a Brisbane winner, Dorrie Wyn.

Roadhouse is a son of the noted sire Fairway, and is from a half-sister to Gay Lothario (imp.), sire of the winners of more than £260,000. His granddam, Love-in-Idleness, won the English Oaks.

Curvative is by Drake (imp.) from Curlecue (imp.) by Braishfield from Coila (related to Shannon).



The Jubilee Chelmsford Stakes, main event on the Club's programme at Randwick on 8th September, carried this handsome sterling-silver teaset as trophy, as well as prize of £1,156.

Spring Meeting . . .

2. The People

Calling the Made-to-Order Weather Department: Thanks for the perfect Autumn day delivered for the Club's Autumn meeting, and thanks, too, for the splendid Spring day that graced the Club's Spring meeting or September meeting as it is called officially, not to be mistaken as a prelude to the A.J.C. Spring Carnival.

HAD John Roles believed the temperature would have been so genial he would have probably given the crowd a gasp with his all-white outfit, Alf Collins might have aired that genuine panama, and Fred Wilson sported a vivid carnation.

But Spring is a wayward cutie. She can change her mood overnight — enter in sunshine and turn on a torrent to show up tropical garb as an incongruity.

So, as males attend in winter heavies, as women save their finery for the A.J.C. meeting, as the flowers are timed to bloom on that occasion, our meeting has nothing to commend itself in colour in the literal sense.

But there is colour enough in the milling crowd, the thrill of the race, in everything that goes to make for an occasion vitalised by excitement.

Many left the meeting wiser people. Some paid too much for their experience—but it was up to them.

An unsophisticated guest at the official luncheon was struck by the number of persons who claimed to know the winner of the first race. They had either picked it out themselves, or somebody had whispered it.

To whisper on a racecourse

is to impart an impressive note to a communication, convey a confidential suggestion, although in due course the dogs may be barking it.

In these luncheon exchanges every horse in the race was named, so that the picture was conjured up by the unsophisticated guest of a field flashing abreast toward the finishing line followed by calls for a photo.

Of course, it did not happen that way; but the guest was left wondering when everybody — after the race — claimed to have heard the winner mentioned as a good thing after its great finishing run from 14th to 10th “up the line.”

Dave Mackie, president of Newcastle Tattersall's Club — who was present with the Secretary, Brian O'Donnell — declared for Final Lady. Like a lady she did her best, but no further tribute may be paid her — unless one or other of the book-makers wants to be heard.

The world seems a small place nowadays, when you may hop on a plane and be in England or the U.S. in time that

is contracting almost to a weekend.

Walter Cavill and Arnold Tancered were recalling how short the time seemed since they met in England. Verily time flies to-day on the wings of a jet.

Jim Fleming was eager to see how Ragazza fared on her reappearance, and was satisfied with the race she ran with 9 st. 7 lb. The mare has not lived up to early expectations, but she has the looks and the breeding and should reward her owners, Mesdames J. and G. Fleming, wives of Ragazza's breeders.

There was a good deal of banter about the bowler hats of Johnny Ruthven and Jim Callachor. Someone, representing himself as agent of a souvenir hunter of famous hats, was prepared to go to £1/5/- for one or the other of them.

The point appeared to be that the hats were of a shipment imported specially for the Royal visit that was postponed and which were sold at bargain rates.

Still, neither gentleman considered £1/5/- represented a fair margin of profit.

The unsophisticated guest who suggested that the chairman (Mr. John Hickey) should be approached to name a winner was reminded of the chairman's reply to an American Admiral who had sought a winner in con-

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Billiards and Snooker

Results

Jubilee Billiards Tournament, 1951

Second Round (Continued)

Results from 31st July, 1951, to 31st August, 1951

Roach, P. N.	(Rec. 125)	beat	Collins, E. A.	(Rec. 100)	by 50
Lyons, E.	(Rec. 55)	"	Fienberg, G.	(Rec. 20)	" 62
Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 40)	"	Fidden, K. F. E.	(Rec. 100)	" 42
Haleroft, E. A.	(Rec. 100)	"	Miller, A. V.	(Rec. 10)	" 51
Reading, Dr. A. S.	(Rec. 150)	"	Abbott, E. W.	(Rec. 130)	" 21
Kent, H. F.	(Rec. 100)	"	Davis, E. A.	(Rec. 45)	" forfeit
Mousally, G. J.	(Rec. 10)	"	Matthews, A. J.	(Rec. 125)	" 58
Laforest, W. R.	(Rec. 100)	"	Leach, T.	(Rec. 125)	" 11
McGill, A. J.	(Rec. 90)	"	Callaghan, A.	(Rec. 80)	" forfeit
Gelling, A. C.	(Rec. 115)	"	Price, R.	(Rec. 120)	" 10
Roles, J. A.	(Rec. 90)	"	Headlam, F. E.	(Rec. 45)	" 17
White, E. K.	(Rec. 90)	"	Plomley, N. R.	(Rec. 50)	" 46
Dovey, W. R.	(Rec. 125)	"	Peters, S.	(Rec. 85)	" 35

Third Round

Mousally, G. J.	(Rec. 10)	beat	Hannan, W. M.	(Rec. 115)	by 52
McGill, A. J.	(Rec. 90)	"	Roles, J. A.	(Rec. 90)	" 50
Hill, Harold	(Rec. 90)	"	Lyons, E.	(Rec. 55)	" 18
Kent, H. F.	(Rec. 100)	"	Gelling, A. C.	(Rec. 115)	" 36
Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 40)	"	Chown, A. J.	(Rec. 10)	" forfeit
White, E. K.	(Rec. 90)	"	Dovey, W. R.	(Rec. 125)	" 59
Reading, Dr. A. S.	(Rec. 150)	"	Roach, P. N.	(Rec. 125)	" 3
Laforest, W. R.	(Rec. 100)	"	Haleroft, E. A.	(Rec. 100)	" 9

Fourth Round

Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 40)	beat	Hill, Harold	(Rec. 90)	by 62
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Draw

Draw for Fourth Round

Reading, Dr. A. S.	(Rec. 150)		Haleroft, E. A.	(Rec. 100)
or		v.	or	
Roach, P. N.	(Rec. 125)		Laforest, W. R.	(Rec. 100)
White, E. K.	(Rec. 90)			
or		v.	Mousally, G. J.	(Rec. 10)
Dovey, W. R.	(Rec. 125)			
Hill, H.	(Rec. 90)	v.	Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 40)
Kent, H. F.	(Rec. 100)	v.	McGill, A. J.	(Rec. 90)

Draw for Semi-Finals

Kent, H. F.	(Rec. 100)			
or		v.	Reading, Dr. A. S.	(Rec. 150)
McGill, A. J.	(Rec. 90)			
White, E. K.	(Rec. 90)	v.	Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 40)

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**Gladiatorial Games of Rome were tough, blood-stained spectacles,
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Continuing this series of articles on sports at which you might have been successful — if you had been differently placed in time and space — let us look for a moment at one of the greatest spectator sports the world has ever known, the gladiatorial combats.

GLADIATORS — the word means literally “swordsmen,” were professional combatants who fought to the death under strict rules and often with great skill and courage, during practically the whole period of the Roman Republic and Empire. These gladiatorial games were quite unique to the Romans; there is some evidence that the early Romans borrowed the idea from the Etruscans, their predecessors in that part of Italy, but the whole idea of mass spectacles of bloody fighting for the amusement of the populace was developed by the Romans and never had a counterpart before or since.

For nearly six hundred years the combats in the arena had an appeal to the people of Rome—the common people — more powerful than all our Australian Rules, Soccer, League and Union rolled into one. Wagering was beyond the dreams of the most optimistic modern fielder. And the sight of blood and sudden death roused the crowd to a frenzy that had its counterpart only in the blood-sacrifices of Mexico and Peru. Rome had one

other great spectator sport — chariot racing; but that was never a fraction as popular as the gladiators.

Way back in 250 B.C., two gentlemen named Marius and Decimus Brutus had the idea of celebrating the death of their father by letting three pairs of fighting slaves battle it out to the finish. Apparently the mourners liked the entertainment, for the craze spread, and by 174 B.C. the funeral of a certain Titus Flaminius called for 74 pairs of fighters, spread over three days of merry blood-letting. Then the politicians took up the idea, and it became customary for elected officers to celebrate by throwing a gladiatorial-combat “party” to which all electors and citizens were invited.

In 58 B.C., Julius Caesar was elected to the aedileship of Rome—equivalent to being made Minister for Works, Markets, Police and Amusements. A shrewd politician, he gave a series of combats in the Colosseum so

elaborate that his political opponents became scared and a Bill was passed through the Senate limiting the Games to 120 pairs.

After Caesar’s death, the gladiators for a time were a menace to the peace of the community. Each member of the Roman nobility had his paid gang of gladiatorial toughs, and fights in the streets were frequent. When Augustus proclaimed himself Emperor in 27 B.C., he regulated the gladiators back to their proper place, limited the series of arena combats to twice a year, and not more than 100 pairs of fighters in each.

After Augustus came the mad period of Rome’s rulers, and the lust for something new, something bloodier grew to fantastic proportions. Emperor Claudius, a cripple, was a gladiator “fan,” and used to get down in the arena to urge the tired, blood-sickened contestants on to further efforts with promises of rewards and punishments. Under Nero, women gladiators made their first appearance, and the battles of men against beasts reached mass proportions. Under Titus, the combats lasted a hundred days; under Trajan, 5,000 pairs of fighters appeared; in A.D. 90 there was a very famous battle between women

and dwarfs—the women won. And so on.

But Rome's bestiality was provoking a terrific reaction. Gradually the new social religion, Christianity, increased in popularity and power and the combats in the arena waned. In the year 200 A.D., women were banned from fighting. In 325, the combats were officially abolished, but they were held on a reduced scale, in Rome and elsewhere, for another hundred years. Six hundred years is a long time for a sport — particularly a spectator-sport — to hold its place; but the gladiatorial combats had a long innings, and at one time there was scarcely a town of the far-flung Roman Empire that did not boast its arena and bet on its local fighters.

Despite the fantastic spectacles that were staged in an effort to provide "something new" to a populace sated with blood, the gladiators and the fighting were as regulated and controlled as boxing, say, is today. The gladiators were originally drawn from prisoners of war and criminals condemned to death for major crimes. They were indentured to trainers called *lanista*, and schooled to a high degree of skill in the branch of their art that they had chosen. After passing a board of examiners to determine their fitness and capability, they were matched in minor provincial games at which it was not customary to fight to the death, before appearing at Rome.

Gladiators were desperate

men, virtually condemned to death, and they were often kept in irons when not training, for fear they would suicide. They were valuable property, just as racehorses are; and they were usually "owned" in teams rather as a syndicate might own a baseball team — with swapping and selling of individuals according to merit. But the life had its compensations. A skilful and successful performer stayed alive, and if he was a crowd-pleaser he gained a popularity far greater than any modern athlete — was loaded with wealth and honours, rushed off his feet by the patrician wenches, and finally set free if he survived.

In the early days of the Empire, the call for gladiators became so acute, what with the increasing demands and the natural wastage, that citizens condemned for minor offences like parking were forced to fight. Slaves, for a while, could be sold to fight. And, believe it or not, there were plenty of hardy souls who took it up voluntarily just out of pure love of fighting, or sometimes to avoid being forced into bankruptcy.

Apart from the more exotic forms of entertainment, such as two men with daggers and two women with swords versus three lions, there were certain standard and classic categories of fighters. Samnites fought with short sword, oblong shield, plumed helmet with visor; Thracians had a curved dagger and a round buckler; the Retiarius expert had a net held in

the right hand, a trident held in the left . . . and was one of the most feared of the categories; Audabatae fought on horseback with sword and shield; Heplomachi in complete body armour; Laquearii with lasso and dagger; and an unarmed category with a cestus rather like a boxing-glove, but weighted with iron or lead.

The combats were generally advertised by posters some days before the event, giving the names of the main contestants a bit like a Stadium announcement. On the day, the pairs were introduced by name, and a mock-battle with wooden swords put on as a warm-up for audience and fighters. A trumpet sounded, and after that each combat was to the death. Matched pairs came on, with wagering reaching tremendous heights, and each fought until one contestant was unable to continue; then the custom, particularly in later days, was to give the audience the choice—thumbs up for "sword away," thumbs down for "sword into him." Any doubt about the verdict and it was automatically the death-stroke; they were happy times. After a few pairs, there would be a spectacle, like fourteen women versus twenty wild dogs, then the fighting would come on again.

Not much remains of the gladiators, except a few gigantic ruins, like the Colosseum in Rome; and sports like bull-fighting, perhaps. And, of course, the terms "thumbs up" and "thumbs down."

Jimmy Carruthers is Bantamweight World-title Hope

In 12 months of professional fighting, twenty-two-year-old Australian bantamweight Jimmy Carruthers, has skyrocketed to the third contender for the world bantam title.

IN the latest issue of the "American Ring" Carruthers is officially rated the third contender for Vic Toweel's title. That position was formerly held by Elley Bennett, ex-bantam champion of Australia, from whom Carruthers took his title. Bennett has now slipped back into seventh place, and Carruthers has replaced him in the higher bracket.

Carruthers, a tall (for a bantam), broad-shouldered Paddington-born young Australian is one of Australia's two "chances" for a world title. The other, of course, is Dave Sands, triple

Australian champion, and British Empire middleweight champion.

And on records Carruthers has better than an even-money chance of winning Toweel's title. Both Carruthers and Toweel fought in the bantam division of the 1948 Olympic Games at London.

Argentine V. Paras eliminated Toweel to go into the semi-final. In the semi-final, Carruthers, although suffering from a badly-gashed left eyebrow, easily out-pointed Paras. Carruthers had to forfeit in the final because the eye needed four stitches.

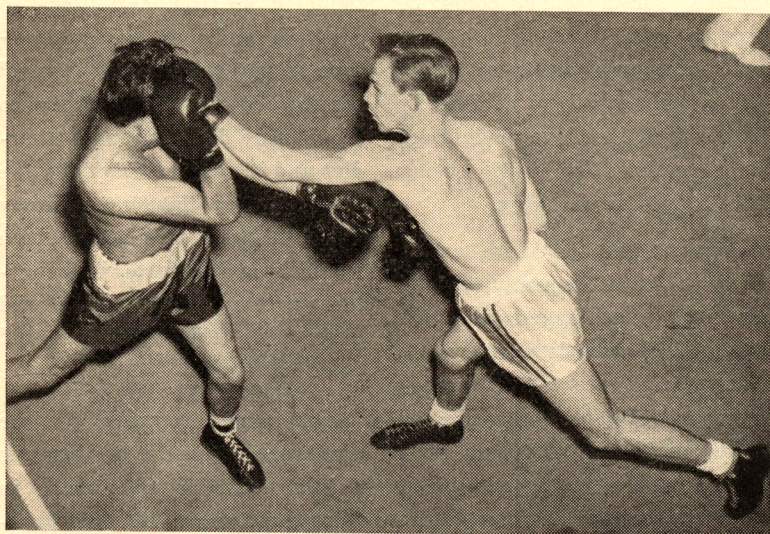
Carruthers has certainly made a meteoric rise in Australian—and world—boxing. At only his ninth professional fight he beat a world rated and proved fighter, Bennett, to win an Australian crown.

The part pleasing to boxing fans is that in every one of those nine professional fights Carruthers improved, and was able to win practically every round against the champion. Bennett had earlier won the featherweight title from Ray Coleman but against Carruthers only the bantam crown was at stake.

Jimmy Carruthers was born on July 5, 1929, in Cascade Street, Paddington, one of five boys in a family of eight children. His parents came from Workington, Cumberland, 25 years ago, where his family had been coal miners for generations, but his father was a fitter and turner.

Jimmy's home life was pleasant but living among the rough and tumble of Paddington street life, he had to learn to fight very early in his childhood.

But living at Paddington, and particularly in Cascade Street, was to mean a most happy piece of good fortune for the



Jimmy Carruthers connects with a long left in his recent fight against Mexican Enrique Morales.

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fair-haired Jimmy Carruthers. Living next door was a pretty, curly-haired young girl, around the same age as Jimmy, called Myra Hamilton.

The two youngsters used to play together, often have a friendly spar, and on week-ends go fishing and swimming together. About nine months ago they married, and now, through Jimmy's ring earnings have their own home — near the water at Bronte.

Jimmy's fight career started at Woolloomooloo Police Boys' Club. He spent many nights there and under the instruction of Frank Dorry began to pick up the finer points of boxing. However, Jimmy's first public fight — except, of course, for his "unofficials" in the streets of tough Paddington — did not come until 1944 when he beat Keith Spittori before an American soldiers' audience at a King's Cross club.

Next year Jimmy went with the New South Wales amateur team to Queensland, as a paper-weight, had three fights, winning two, and losing to Joe Bourke. In that same year he became N.S.W. amateur bantamweight champion by beating Jimmy McFadden. He later knocked McFadden out in a professional fight, also at Sydney Stadium.

Around this time he was a member of the Avalon Surf Club and was nearly drowned when undertow took him out 500 yards and a cramp struck him. Beltmen rescued him when Jimmy was on the verge of collapse.

Then Jimmy decided that if he wanted to become a good boxer he would have to give away all other sport — and he did just that.

In 1947 he beat Spencer Driver — now one of Jimmy's clamouring challengers — to become Australian bantam amateur champion. Next year he won his place to go to London for the Olympic Games, and went through to the semi-final only to have to forfeit in the final because of a cut eyebrow.

Because of the contract he had signed before he went to the Games, Jimmy could not turn professional for two years. Then in the middle of May Jimmy had his first professional fight. He quickly disposed of Ted Fitzgerald in three rounds at Leichhardt Stadium. He fought soon after at Melbourne and was proving much superior to the second class bantams.

He beat high-ranking Keith Francis on a knockout, and against featherweight Bluey Wilkins suffered his first visit to the canvas—in the sixth round. Jimmy showed his gameness by climbing off the floor and beating Wilkins on points. That was his first close fight, but he won well enough to indicate he would trouble Elley Bennett. The Wilkins fight improved him and when Carruthers fought Bennett he was always a punch and a step ahead of the slower moving aborigine.

After winning the title Jimmy was forced to have a three-and-a-half months' spell—lack of

opponents. Stadiums Ltd. imported a Mexican, Enrique Morales. Morales, on his record, should have given Carruthers a hard test, but the Mexican was a flop. He appeared frightened of our bantam champion, and Jimmy completely outclassed him, and referee Bill Henneberry did the most humane thing possible by stopping it in the seventh round.

Carruthers' manager (Dr. John McGirr) is doing all in his power to get his fighter a shot at Towel's world title. And if, and when he does, many Australians feel sure that Jimmy will win for Australia, its first world bantam title.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT QUINNELL,

Elected 31/5/1926;

Died 1/8/1951.

ALAN CORTIS,

Elected 12/5/1930;

Died 9/8/1951.

F. GAHAN,

Elected 15/2/1915;

Died 20/8/1951.

BRIAN PENTON,

Elected 27/1/1942;

Died 24/8/1951.

J. F. GREEN,

Elected 30/6/1930;

Died 21/8/1951.

T. N. LAYCOCK,

Elected 16/3/1936;

Died 27/8/1951.

R. B. HODGSON,

Elected 23/2/1931;

Died 29/8/1951.

SUMMARY OF SPORTS

LAST CUP WAS TOO WET

CLIFF SPROULE and his colleagues on the Davis Cup organising committee will be hoping for better weather at the end of the year than that which frowned on Sydney's last Cup challenge round.

That was way back in 1920 before the present batch of racket stars were born.

They've built flats where the courts were then — out at Double Bay.

And times have changed in other ways, so maybe this time the weather will do the right thing.

That year Australasia was defending the Cup against British Isles and curiously enough the series is listed as 1919 although the final round was not until January, 1920.

The challenge round at Double Bay was drawn for a Friday, Saturday and Monday but rain washed out the Saturday play after each nation had won one of the first singles.

Over 500 fans sat for hours in rain hopefully waiting for a start on the Saturday.

On Monday the doubles were finalised and on the Tuesday rain again interfered after only two games had been played in the singles between Gerald Patterson and Kingscote.

This match had to be held over until the Wednesday, the round thus being extended two days by the weather.

Patterson clinched the Cup for Australia by beating Kingscote and J. O. Anderson then com-

pleted the rout by beating Lowe in the other singles. Sir Norman Brookes, then the dominant figure in Australian tennis, as he is now, was sole selector of the Australian team.

He played brilliantly with Patterson in the doubles, conceding the British pair only two games in three sets.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD GAME

IN the major attraction of the football season the Frenchmen beat us at our own type of play. Are the West Indies cricketers going to do the same?

Indications are that they will at least try and for that reason their breezy cricket should be just the tonic needed by big cricket in Australia.

It is going to mean a trial for our bowlers who have been pampered in Tests against England by the slow-footed, unimaginative batsmen who have played defensive roles and virtually got themselves out.

Australian fans will be looking to the Indians for movement down the wicket and bright strokemaking such as the spirit of the game intends.

The West Indians have batsmen capable of double centuries and if they happen to collar our spin bowlers there is no saying how the Tests will finish.

The series also will provide an acid test for Australia's speed attack of Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall.

This pair could be match-winners if they get the right type of wickets and can reproduce the speed of former years.

Lindwall has rejected big offers from the Lancashire League, so apparently he is quite happy about his prospects in Australia.

Two Australian players who could provide thrills if they elect to make themselves available are Sid Barnes and Jack Iverson. Barnes could be the world's best batsman and the unorthodox Iverson would be a surprise packet for the West Indians.

But the players Australians are waiting to see are the famous three W's—Weekes, Worrell and Walcott, West Indies batting champions.

ENGLISH SPOKEN HERE

EVERYONE attending the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, next year should know all about proceedings.

Arrangements have been made for the use of four languages for all programmes and announcements of results.

These will be in English, Finnish, French and Swedish.

Programmes in the four different languages will be printed daily and result boards at various parts of the arena will cater for various nationalities.

The Helsinki organisers are expecting 100,000 visitors for the Games and are ensuring that they will be accommodated.

Already reservations for 20,000 visitors have been made in private homes. In this regard

TOPICS

in 60-second sketches

Helsinki is providing a lead that Melbourne can follow if it manages to retain the 1956 Olympic Games allotted it.

Helsinki hotels have room for only 4,000 guests. Newspapermen and official visitors will swamp these.

Eight camping sites catering for 40,000 visitors, chiefly younger people, will go a long way to meeting the demand.

The Swiss Omega watch firm will supply 441 watches for the games, each one checked and re-checked by the Neuchatel observatory. For the track athletics and cycle races a phototimer will be used. This will be calibrated to split finishes to a 100th of a second.

In swimming the starter's pistol will automatically set eight watches in motion. A judge for each lane will control a watch and record his man's finish by pressing an electric button.

Finland is a nation with terrific interest in track and field athletes. Last year, for instance, there were over 12,000 registered track and field judges in Finland. Not athletes, but officials.

Of these over 750 were graded in the top class. To retain their grading each must pass an annual examination, both written and oral.

From these will be chosen the men to control the Olympic events.

REFEREE KNOWS HIS ROPES

ONE of Australian boxing's few really worthwhile discoveries in recent years has been referee Bill Henneberry.

Henneberry has capably filled the bill at Sydney Stadium since the retirement of Joe Wallis and now is recognised as Australia's No. 1 fight referee.

His integrity is unquestioned and for this reason those who like a wager on a bout have no worries in that important regard.

Henneberry has proved a quick thinker in the ring as third man and his wide knowledge of the game has proved a terrific asset. He has seen the fight game from every angle on the inside. He has fought himself, has been a manager, a trainer and conditioner, match-maker and now referee.

His alertness in detecting anything that may not be quite up to scratch has won him the respect of managers and boxers as well as the public.

Early in the piece all the old tricks were tried on Henneberry. Classic example was the boxer who was to go down twice from light blows then get up and flatten his opponent.

Henneberry thought quicker than the "actors" and on the second knock-down smartly crowned the early leader.

The winner laughed outright at the failure of his plan and said, "You're too smart."

In his younger days Henneberry was a sprinter of more than average ability and also an Australian Rules star.

He played first grade with Eastern Suburbs after coming from the country and was one of the fastest big men ever seen in the code in Sydney.

NOT HARD TO GET OUT

IN Rugby League the average life of a player among the stars of the game generally is limited to a few years. Few last more than one or two Test series.

Already the writing is on the wall for many members of the last Kangaroos to England and France in 1948-9.

Quite a few even now are living on memories and realise that they won't be going abroad again—at least as footballers. Others are hoping they can make it again next year when the Australian side will sail in July.

Of the 28 who went last time only five appear to have any real chance of going again next year.

They are Clive Churchill, Noel Mulligan, Jack Rayner, Johnny Graves and Kev Schubert.

All did well enough this year to be sure of places provided they can hold their form.

The question that most League fans will debate during the summer months is who will captain the side.

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Horses are not Machines

So often are horses commented upon by unkindly critics and by irresponsible and unpractical people that it might be as well to search round for reasonable explanations of what are euphemistically called reversals of form. While no follower of form would believe that all such reversals could be accounted for by innocently reasonable explanations, it is also true that there is much less turf chicanery than the ordinary racegoer imagines. He is only too ready to believe that every beaten horse, especially if he has backed it, has been prevented from doing its best.

AND now to look round for some practical reasons and explanations for marked differences in performances of horses from week to week. Horses, like humans, are not machines, as more than one trainer has found to his cost. The experience of an average man, when he is going on with his round of duties, is that one day he represents 100 per cent. efficiency. On the next he may be only 25 per cent. It is obvious that his performance falls in corresponding ratio. So it is with horses. Some are cut-and-come-again customers who usually produce their best, but amongst the speediest are often temperamental customers who do not race consistently. Quite often they let down their connections and it is amusing to hear, going home in the train, that "So-and-so was dead to-day," when the unwilling listener has ex-

ecuted part of a commission for the maligned owner and trainer.

Track conditions are also not taken into consideration by most people who go racing. Some horses can go on any kind of ground, hard, soft or indifferent. Others are quite the contrary and need tracks to their liking. Small tracks with short stretches suit some, large tracks with roomy straights others. These factors are not generally allowed for.

Size and conformation of horses are two points that are much considered by the practical man and not so much by the casual racegoer. Some horses are capable of really excellent performances under a light scale, but as soon as they climb up in the handicaps they perform indifferently. Their owners have to stand the charge, however, of having their horses

prevented from winning, whereas the extra poundage has been the cause. With natural weight carriers no such excuse can be offered.

Not an uncommon cause of horses running badly in races and one not advertised for obvious reasons, is the tongue getting over the bit. This practically chokes the horse, and quite effectively stops him. There are several remedies, and when applied are efficacious. With the majority of racegoers unaware what has happened, and precautions taken against a recurrence, they are inclined to say unpleasant things when a horse improves vastly at its next start.

Teeth are also a constant source of worry to trainers of horses, and are especially troublesome at certain periods. More than one horse has been subjected to abuse for running about under pressure. The human reader, with experience of the dentist's chair, is asked to imagine his feelings with a bit running through his mouth lacerated by a jagged tooth.

A bed of shavings and sawdust is the sign of the equine gourmet. This method is more humane than the muzzle. More than one astute trainer has crashed badly on a fancied candidate who has gorged his bedding some time prior to a race. This is more common away from home with gross doers whose appetites are tickled by the fresh nature of the straw provided for their external and not internal comfort.

Racing conditions are also

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points to be considered before criticising hastily riders or horses. Some horses will not go through a field, and if forced through, resent it. Horses who have had falls particularly object to racing through a field or on the rails. Their jockeys, who know them, then have to bear the brunt of the criticism of being "off the course."

The vagaries of mares and fillies, in the spring particularly, for the simple reason of their sex, is generally recognised, but few racegoers take this into account before races. Those most concerned with equine ladies realise their weakness and are cognisant of the state of the health of their charges, but naturally this information cannot be promulgated for the benefit of the betting public. Some mares are not affected particularly, and their galloping ability is not impaired, but the majority are below form at certain seasons.

It is generally wise to consider seriously mares and fillies as betting propositions only in the late summer and in the autumn.

Colds, in the inception stage, and vices such as crib-biting, wind-sucking, and masturbation in colts and stallions are upsetting factors with which unsuspecting backers of horses have to contend.

In conclusion, it has been proved often that it is charitable to hold back the complete dubbing of certain horses as quitters and rogues. Rogues there are, and have been, but more than one unfortunate beast has been proved by post-mortem examination to have been grossly libelled. Organic troubles of various kinds have prevented what has been, in the past, man's best friend, from doing his best. Discoveries made have caused one to wonder how some horses have been able to race at all.



THE HAWK, champion performer here and in New Zealand in the middle 'twenties, is still alive in New Zealand at the grand old age of 32 years! He is pictured here — looking a little grey around the head — with veteran trainer Jack Cameron, on whose Hastings property the old gelding enjoys a life of ease and luxury.

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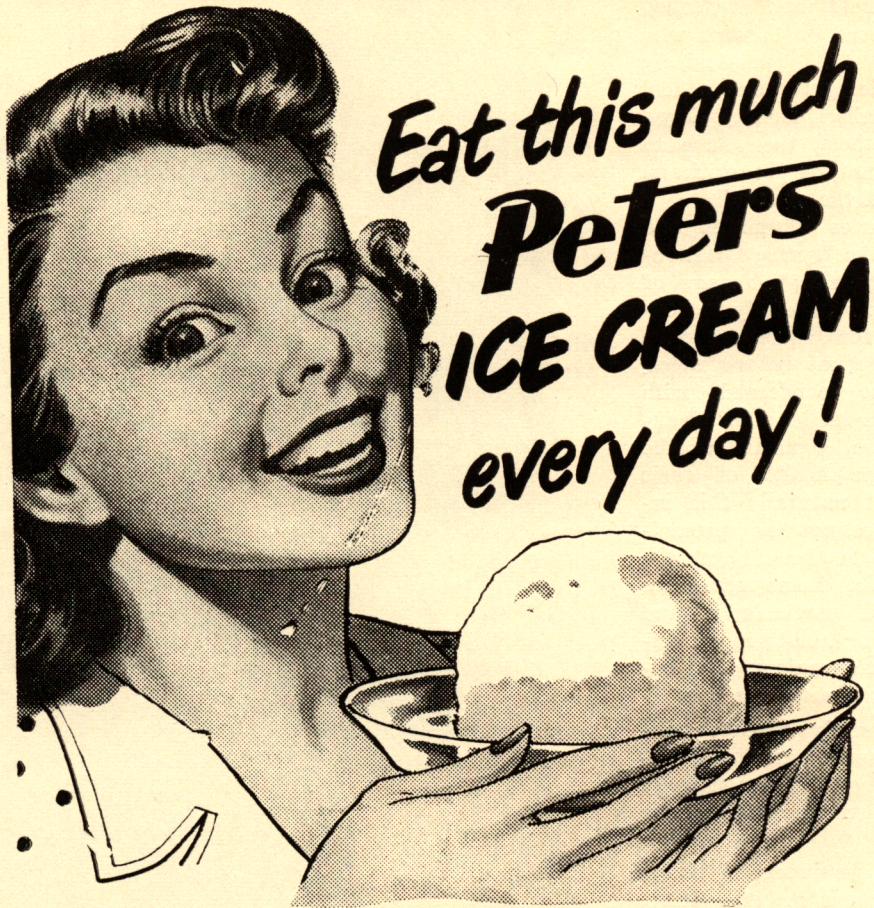
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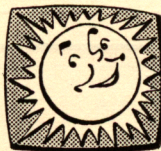
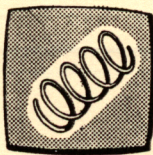
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Chelmsford Stakes have made History

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Tattersall's long-time record in the history of the Turf is its Cup, established away back in 1868, only two years after the Sydney Cup. But the event that has made a name for the club in bringing out some of Australia's greatest performers is the Chelmsford Stakes.

SPRING, Tattersall's, and the Chelmsford Stakes, or as it was called years ago, the Rawson Stakes, became synonymous for the advent of the new season's notable racehorses and racing. For fifty years the best talent of the year has made its debut at "Tatt's," the meeting that opens the new season at Randwick.

Many years ago, the New Zealand mare, Solution, presaged a great Australian career with success in the Chelmsford Stakes. A few weeks later she took the Metropolitan, and it will always be a moot point whether she wasn't the greatest mare Australasia ever saw.

The following year, 1907, saw the success of Mountain King, Derby and weight-for-age crack, who won Australia's only six furlong w.f.a. event in the last year of its decision, yet could stay well enough to run third in a Melbourne Cup.

Prince Foote came in 1909 to herald his victories in the Derbies and Melbourne Cup. He remained champion for another year, and won the Chelmsford again in 1910. The boot was on the other foot two years later. Duke Foote won the Chelmsford of 1912 and again in 1913.

Woorak was a great middle-distance horse who succeeded in 1914, and Sasanof first showed the glimpse of form in winning

it in 1916 that lured many big bettors on to the winning of a fortune when less than two months afterwards he captured the Melbourne Cup.

Perhaps the greatest distinction Tattersall's Club achieved was through the introduction to the Turf of the great stake-winner, Gloaming.

It was his first race when he faced the starter in the 1918 Chelmsford Stakes, and a 10 lengths' victory over Rebus, Kennaquhair and other champions presaged a mighty career that for tenacity and longevity has scarcely been equalled since. What a start for a maiden? Defeat by ten lengths of the two horses who a few weeks later won the Epsom-Metrop. double. Rebus and Kennaquhair!

Chrysolaus, Beauford, Heroic, Windbag, Limerick and Mollison were notable winners in the 'twenties, and their achievements are too recent to need emphasising.

I have just been reading Tattersall's Club magazine of twenty-one years ago, particularly an article on the Chelmsford Stakes written early in September, 1930. The race that year was run on September 13, and at the time the writer sat down to pen his article for the magazine, the entries included some of the greatest horses of the Australian turf. In fact, in some ways,

the Chelmsford Stakes of 1930 reached a peak which has still not been excelled.

Entries included all the great stake-winners of the time — Amounis, £40,823; Limerick (who had won the race three times previously), £30,901; Mollison, £29,334; Nightmarch, £25,368 — and Phar Lap, £27,196. The figures given show the winnings as at the date of the race.

As everyone knows, Phar Lap was the winner of that historic Chelmsford Stakes of 1930.

Whatever horse is successful this year of grace, 1951, he will truly be striding in the hoof-prints of the champions.



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Australians have Good Chance for Amateur Billiards Title

The World's (successor to the British Empire) Amateur Billiards Championship, which commences in London on the 17th of this month and continues until the 10th October, although attracting seven entrants, is not as representative as the last time the event was played in Melbourne in 1938. This year, outside of the United Kingdom, the overseas entrants are from Australia and India only; whereas in Melbourne in 1938, in addition to India, Australia, and United Kingdom, New Zealand and South Africa also took the field.

WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP IN WORLD'S AMATEUR BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue	Year		Best Break	No. of Cent.
London ..	1926	Winner: J. Earlam (Eng.) Runner-up: G. Shailer (Aust.)	282 203	18 13
London ..	1927	Winner: A. Prior (S. Africa) Runner-up: H. Coles (Wales) (Australia did not compete)	184 164	9 2
Johannesburg	1929	Winner: L. Hayes (Aust.) Runner-up: A. Prior (S. Africa)	136 226	6 7
Sydney ..	1931	Winner: L. Steeples (Eng.) Runner-up: Sydney Lee (Eng.)	461 433	18 14
London ..	1933	Winner: Sydney Lee (Eng.) Runner-up: T. Jones (Wales) (Australia did not compete)	394 144	31 8
London ..	1935	Winner: H. Coles (Eng.) Runner-up: J. McGhie (Scot.) (Australia did not compete)	267 207	27 11
Johannesburg	1937	Winner: R. Marshall (Aust.) Runner-up: A. Prior (S. Africa)	248 197	23 11
Melbourne	1938	Winner: R. Marshall (Aust.) Runner-up: K. Kennerley (Eng.)	427 472	55 45

IN billiards proficiency the 1951 event promises to be epoch making, and it is expected that Australia's two representatives, Messrs. Robert Marshall, of Western Australia, and Tom Cleary, of Victoria, will be well to the forefront.

Marshall, who proceeded to England by the "Maloja," wrote en route that to keep his neck and back muscles exercised, he was daily spending a considerable time hitting the balls about on his bunk. Marshall arrived in London at the end of August and had over three weeks to acclimatise himself to English conditions.

Cleary, who passed through Sydney at the end of August on his way to London by air, partook in several Exhibition Matches whilst in Sydney, including one at our own Club. Unfortunately his true form was not indicated in his Millions Club exhibition; although he made a 200 unfinished break at an exhibition at our own club later. Cleary has two weeks in London to practise prior to the commencement of the event, but has less than a week's travelling to overcome.

Because Tom Cleary, for family reasons, was unable to accept Victoria's invitation to represent that State at the 1951 Australian Championship held in Perth, no recent comparison can be drawn between Australia's

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two representatives. It would therefore be interesting to compare the performances of the 1950 Championship played in Melbourne at which Tom Cleary won the title, with the recently concluded 1951 Championships, of which Bob Marshall was the winner.

In view of the importance of the World's Amateur Event it is also considered timely to give a list of the Winners and Runners-up on the eight previous occasions this event has been contested since its inauguration in 1926.

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COMPARISON BETWEEN 1950 AND 1951 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1951	Marshall .	589 unf.	12	22	110.08	46.4

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Third Round

Laforest, W. R.	(Rec. 50)	beat	Schwarz, P. J.	(Rec. 30)	by 8
Rattray, R. F.	(Rec. 40)	"	Doyle, R. R.	(Rec. 55)	" 46
Peters, S.	(Rec. 40)	"	Lindsay, P. B.	(Rec. 55)	" 73
Oswald-Sealey, C. H.	(Rec. 35)	"	Brown, J. G.	(Rec. 55)	" 30
Barmby, R. B.	(Rec. 50)	"	Webster, G.	(Rec. 47)	" 44
Howarth, L. H.	(Rec. 35)	"	Chown, A. J.	(Rec. 25)	" forfeit
Mousally, G. J.	(Rec. 15)	"	Mulligan, H. M.	(Rec. 50)	" 34
McGill, A. J.	(Rec. 50)	"	Burt, I. C.	(Rec. 45)	" 53
Seamonds, N.	(Rec. 60)	"	Watson, A. M.	(Rec. 40)	" forfeit
Westhoff, E. A.	(Rec. 30)	"	Ranger, K.	(Rec. 40)	" 13
Fingleton, L. J.	(Rec. 45)	"	Flack, L. R.	(Rec. 47)	" 26
Bryden, G. R.	(Rec. 37)	"	Baulman, E. J.	(Rec. 50)	" 32
Tasker, L. D.	(Rec. 55)	"	Fredman, H. S.	(Rec. 50)	" 38
Scarf, C. F.	(Rec. 60)	"	Young, C. E.	(Rec. 35)	" 4
Sullings, H. S.	(Rec. 60)	"	Naylor, A. J.	(Rec. 50)	" 18
MacDonald, C. K.	(Rec. 45)	"	Green, I.	(Rec. 55)	" 8

Fourth Round

Tasker, L. D.	(Rec. 55)	beat	Barmby, R. B.	(Rec. 50)	by 28
Howarth, L. H.	(Rec. 35)	"	Mousally, G. J.	(Rec. 15)	" 9

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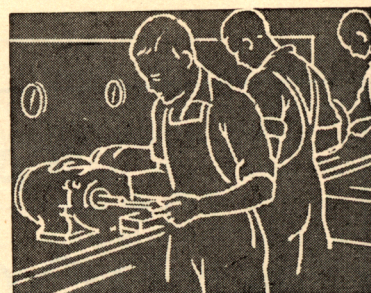
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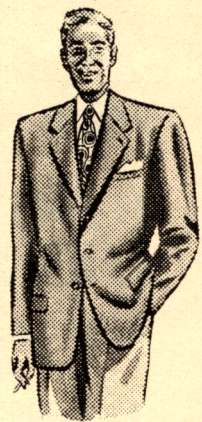
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SPORTS TOPICS

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In informed circles Rayner's price is much shorter than Churchill's for the Kangaroo captaincy, despite the fact that Churchill was leader for all the important games this year and last.

Rayner received a belated chance in the final game in Sydney against the Frenchmen and his general play and captaincy were excellent.

Churchill also has done well in his role as skipper but the fact that South Sydney has Rayner captain and Churchill as his deputy may mean something.

There are arguments against full-backs being captains, although one of England's most famous skippers, Jim Sullivan, was the last line of defence and nobody ever queried his captaincy.

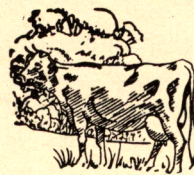
When all is said and done the selectors have the last say. Last time they left out the logical leader in Len Smith and after that probably neither Rayner, Churchill nor any other player will build too many hopes before the "weight" flag is raised.

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Club's Meeting — Continued from page 9

versation at an official luncheon in the past: "The chairman never backs a winner at any of the Club's meetings. It just isn't done."

Really, race day is a busy day for the chairman and members of his committee, together with the secretary (Mr. Dawson).

The state of the weather, the size of the crowd, cannot be predicted, the number of horses nominated, the quality of the fields, cannot be dictated, but the organisation of the meeting can be controlled. On that score there must never be any let-down.


Proof of how well the job was done was provided by the number and the volume of the congratulations conveyed on the course to the chairman and members of the committee.

What many wanted to know from Transport Commissioner Winsor at the official luncheon was the winner of the Tramway Handicap. He said lightheartedly that he knew nothing officially of tramway handicaps.

Dr. Howard Bullock, talking of old football days and old footballers, recalled that he was team mate with the S.T.C. Chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill) in his first game for N.S.W. Dr. Bullock said that Dally Messenger had also made his representative debut in that match in Brisbane.

Jim Bendrodt told that the first of Abbott Fell's progeny had been foaled at his stud, and all bore a striking resemblance to the sire, Carbine's greatest living descendant.

The official attendance was 40,000 — which was 2,750 more than that of the Club's previous Spring meeting. As usual, charities will benefit.

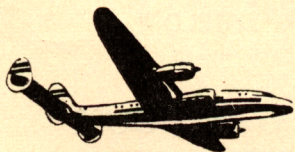


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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ *September, 1930*

THE issue of September, 1930, carried the announcement of the retirement of Jim Hackett, Senior, for long the leviathan of the Australian ring. An article traced his rise from the early 1880's, when Jim Hackett was laying doubles in Brewarrina, through the establishment of a larger business in a tobacconist's shop at Bourke — a shop in which his assistant was one Alec Williams, later to be his partner in the firm of Hackett and Williams. Hackett moved to Sydney in 1893, still keeping the Bourke shop for many years; his operations since that day have passed into racing history — up to 1930 they included some of the largest wagers laid on or off the course.

TATTERSALL'S Golf Club held their monthly outing in August at Pymble. Playing a four-ball best-ball bogey, two pairs tied for first place — J. R. Lee and M. Gleeson; and L. Giddings and J. McLeod. The golf committee decided against putting them to the strain of a play-off and gave trophies to all four.

THE Club's Billiards and Snooker Tournaments had each completed the first round. The "field" was much smaller in those days, but lists of the results were enlivened by the custom of members of using a pseudonym, like "Wellwood" and "Kinneil" and "Nabob."

PERSONAL notes of September, 1930: W. G. Royal was being farewelled by members before his departure to New Guinea, where he was reputedly the owner of a profitable goldmine. Marshall Cropley, managing director of the Matson Line in Australia, was leaving for the States again. Mick Polson holed in one at Peak Hill. General Lamrock was back in the Club after a long illness. The Chairman, Mr. Whiddon, was ill and had leave of absence for a while.

IN the year's swimming for the Dewar Cup, Hans Robertson won the trophy with 63 points against S. Carroll, 59, and A. Richards, 54. It's interesting to glance at the Club records of 1930. 40 yards was 19 sec., held by Hans Robertson and Norman Longworth. 60 yards, 31 secs., H. Robertson; 80 yards, 45 secs., H. Robertson; 100 yards, 58 secs., H. Robertson.

AUGUST, 1930, included among the functions of the month the third annual Tattersall's Club Ball; a Bridge evening; a bridge tournament versus the Millions Club, at which the Millionaires were the victors; and a reception in the Clubroom to visiting British Rugby Union players.

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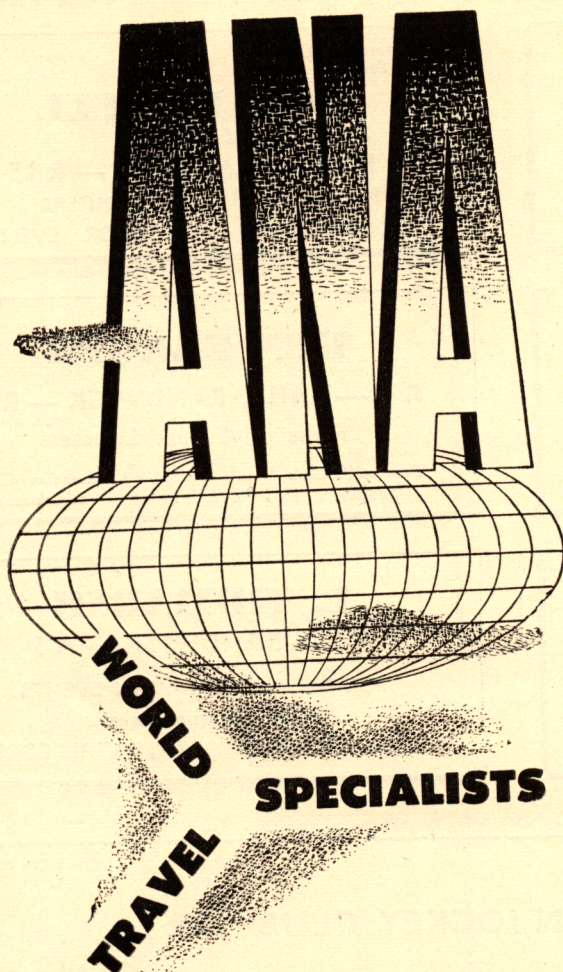
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SAM BLOCK

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review when writing of a man, and Sammy has one, strange though it may sound from one so immersed in sport. Weaving, learned during his long stay in hospital, is our friend's, and his tartan scarves are something over which to enthuse. In addition, few Scotsmen can equal his knowledge of the history and make-up of tartans.

To-day Sammy is content to sit back to watch and help the younger idea in athletic pursuits and to follow the career of his son, Bruce, in the R.A.A.F.

As a man who is a prime exemplar of service to his Club and to his fellow man, we give you — Sam Block.

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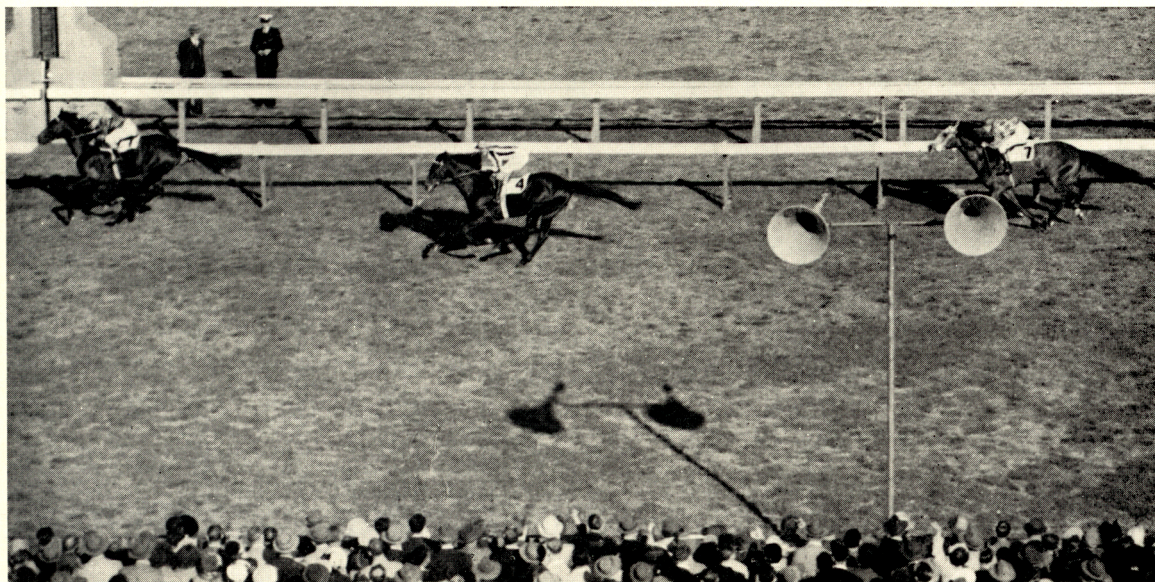
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Delta Wins Chelmsford Stakes for Second Time

Mr. Adolph Basser's horse Delta wins comfortably from Hydrogen, with Trizami third. Last year Delta won the same event in a photo-finish from Snowstream.

(Photo, courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald")

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TO BE HELD ON RANDWICK RACECOURSE

29th Sept. and 1st, 3rd and 6th October

SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER

THE BREEDERS' PLATE , £1,500 added.	Five Furlongs
THE A.J.C. DERBY , £10,000 added.	One Mile and a Half
THE EPSOM HANDICAP , £4,000 added.	One Mile

MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER

THE GIMCRACK STAKES , £1,500 added.	Five Furlongs
THE METROPOLITAN , £6,000 added.	One Mile and Five Furlongs

WEDNESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER

THE FLIGHT STAKES , £1,500 added.	One Mile
THE CRAVEN PLATE , £2,500 added.	One Mile and a Quarter

SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER

THE RANDWICK PLATE , £2,000 added.	Two Miles
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